

The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
The Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
King Charles Street,
London SW1

9 September 1983

Dear Foreign Secretary,

I write to express our concern at the plight of the Palestine refugees and other defenceless groups in Lebanon, and to ask you to take whatever steps are possible for their safety.

We support the London Interfaith Group on the Lebanon which enjoys Jewish, Muslim and Christian participation. Mr David Astor, on behalf of the Group, has submitted to you a copy of the report which reveals that some 90,000 refugees in south Lebanon remain particularly at risk. Many have been evicted from their homes and live in fear of their lives; they have nowhere to go. We therefore ask you to consider how the Government can take a lead to increase the safety of these people both north and south of the Awali river.

Would an approach to all governments and agencies involved, including appropriate religious leaders, recommending steps to end the terror be appropriate ?

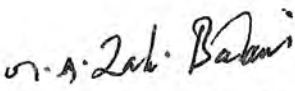
We urge you on humanitarian grounds to ensure that, as far as our Government is concerned, no effort is spared to avoid the dangers to human life inherent in this hazardous situation.

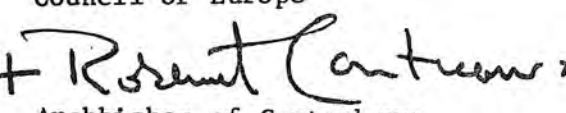
Yours sincerely,

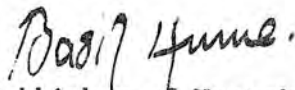
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